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It was last week. I was hoping it would stay between me and Jeff. But Jeff talked to Jon.

They didn't completely rule it out and I didn't get a big argument when I pointed out that no seeps were occurring until after the manmade cavern collapsed. Actually, they just got into a discussion of "it should be Texas Brine cleaning up".

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Greg-

I'm not for sure when you spoke to Jon but I spoke to him on Monday and he did not indicate the OSLTF could not be used. Everyone understands that this is an unusual case. My recommendation is to determine what steps (if any) we want to take, strategize a path forward and then approach NPFC.

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